

TO THE LATE JUDGE SAMPELL THIS EDITION IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.



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Interesting Items.

Told in Brief Paragraphs for Our Readers.

Local Pointers in Local and General News Concerning People More or Less Prominent.

Reader, if you are not getting this paper, why not get a copy to yourself?

H. Custer is in Philadelphia this week laying in a supply of new goods.

Miss Ella Shindel of Mifflinburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lizzie B. Shindel.

B. McWilliams of McVeytown is on Sunday with James Vauzandt and wife.

S. Walter purchased the Jacob alter house and lot in Swinerton for \$750.

Readers who are interested in marriage record will find it on inside pages.

Child of Charles Moyer, west of town, fell off of a fence on Sunday and broke an arm.

P. Ritter of Shamokin Dam is the guest of his brother, Sheriff Ritter, on Sunday.

At. A. B. Sheary, of Pennsboro, was a county seat visitor of last week.

Miss Libbie Bickel of Beavertown is several days with Miss Sue Bickel at this place.

ANTED.—At once, experienced men by Monroe H. Kulp & Co. at Lewisburg, Pa.

H. Maurer, New Berlin, is advertising special bargains. See special announcement in this issue.

n. F. Feese, Editor of the Beavertown Journal, is spending the week with his family in this town.

Miss Libbie Dunkelberger is in Philadelphia this week laying in a supply of fall and winter millinery.

If you wish an extra copy of this paper, send in your order with five cents in stamps. It will be sent you promptly.

A. Kantz, a clerk of the War Department at Washington, was in town several days this week attending to business.

H. Maurer of New Berlin has a new supply of fall and winter goods. Call and see them.

10-6-3t.

E. C. Aurand, the Middle-Milliner, was in Danville last week visiting her son, whom it is expected, will soon come home.

D. E. McLain and Andrew McLain were attending the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania at Port Royal last week.

Susquehanna University Football team will play against the Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. on Saturday afternoon at Selingsgrove. Game called at 3 o'clock.

Geo. W. Wagenseller is sojourning in Parkersburg and Philadelphia and will attend the Y. P. S. convention at Harrisburg this week.

Maurer of New Berlin, the business man of that place, was in town this week attending to business.

10-6-3t.

Easy shave, genteel hair dresser, tonsorial worker, is located at Soles' Barber Shop, Myer's building, opposite the court house. Go to Soles to buy or exchange for old ones. Guaranteed to give satisfaction.

A. E. SOLES.

Mrs. Amon Spangler, who had been at the hospital for treatment, has been brought home, considerably improved, a statement we are pleased to make.

S. M. Kauffman, who retired from the management of the Keystone Hotel at Selingsgrove on Saturday, will open a hotel at Plymouth, Luzerne county, Pa.

The children of the Infant Sunday School of the Lutheran Church held very interesting Harvest Home exercises under the direction of Mrs. M. I. Potter.

The farm of the estate of Benjamin Kreamer, near Smithgrove, was not sold on Saturday. It can be bought at private sale by consulting the Executors. 10-6-2t.

Miss Lottie Crouse has been elected the delegate from the Lutheran Y. P. S. C. E. to the State Convention at Harrisburg and is in attendance this week.

On Monday morning we received notice from three of our subscribers at Shamokin Dam to change their post office address to Shriners, the new Postoffice on Chestnut Ridge.

The family of H. C. Sampsell return their thanks to Camp 549, the citizens of Centreville, Camp 515 and others of Middleburgh for their aid and sympathy in their bereavement.

Extra copies of this "Memorial Edition of the Post" can be secured at this office at 5 cents each as long as the supply lasts or they will be mailed to separate addresses for the same price.

J. G. Chestnut, wife and three children, Harry Bateman, wife and two children and Miss Bateman of Sunbury and Mrs. Kempher of Selingsgrove dined at the Washington House on Sunday.

Messrs. Charles Haas and William Shelley and Clark S. Boyer of Paxtonville rode their wheels to Shamokin on Friday evening and took in the unveiling of the Soldier's Monument on Saturday.

Misses Libbie and Gertie Dunkelberger, Rosa Schoch, Lillian Stetler and John R. Kreeger rode their bicycles to Millersburg last week, visited Mrs. Bert Rowe, nee Gertrude Kreeger, and returned home Sunday.

On Friday at the sale of Benjamin Kreamer Estate, near Smithgrove G. B. Kreamer bought Tract No. 2 for \$1025 and John Kreamer bought Tract No. 3 for \$50. The farm was not sold but it can be bought at private sale.

Misses Libbie and Gertie Dunkelberger, Rose Schoch, Lillian Stetler, Marie Johnston, Mrs. Dr. J. C. Amig, J. R. Kreeger and A. F. Gilbert rode their bicycles to Beavertown on Friday evening last and took supper at Faust's Hotel.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Centreville will hold a Chicken and Corn Soup Supper on Saturday, October 15th, 1898 for the benefit of the United Evangelical Church. All are cordially invited. By order of COMMITTEE.

The book accounts of the estate of S. H. Yoder, deceased, are in my hands and all accounts must either be paid or a note given within thirty days or the accounts will be collected according to law.

B. W. YODER, Adm'r. Oct. 3, 1898, 2t.

HOUSE FOR SALE.—The large dwelling house in Franklin belonging to W. R. Jones will be sold at private sale. If not sold by Jan. 1st, it will be for rent. There is plenty of fruit and all the buildings are good; a slate roof is on the house and a well at the door. For further information apply to Jas. G. Crouse, Middleburgh, Pa. 10-6-2m.

JUDGE SAMPELL KILLED

The Popular Associate Judge Caught by a Circular Saw at Centreville. Both Legs and Arms Were Severed.

In Fifteen Minutes, His Massive Form Lay Prostrate in Death.

A CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, A NOTED CAREER, AN ANCESTRY NOTED FOR LONGEVITY, LEAVES A WIDOW AND TWO FATHERLESS DAUGHTERS.—THE LARGEST FUNERAL EVER HELD IN CENTREVILLE.

On Monday when court convened in the large court room in this place, all eyes turned anxiously toward the seat formerly occupied by Associate Judge Henry C. Sampsell of Penn's Creek. It was vacant. The very thought cast a gloom over the faces about the room. It was a sad story every one pondered in his heart, for each one knew only too well the sad story of his unfortunate fate. Fresh from the walks of civil life to the judicial seat only 9 months ago, with vigor, life, activity and the respect of the people, in an instant of time, he was called away from life to eternity, the future that awaits every man. Judge Sampsell was in Middleburgh the Monday preceding, full of life, activity and fair to presume he could live 103 years, the age his grandmother attained. He called at this office and in company with the writer visited the county jail to speak to John Napp and Grier Shell. How vividly yet there comes to memory the words spoken by the departed, while leaving Napp in his cell, "John, I'll be in to see you on Friday when I come to Middleburgh." Friday never came for him upon this earth.

THE ACCIDENT.

No satisfactory explanation as to exactly how it happened perhaps will ever be discovered. It was all too quick, his companions scarcely realized it. The men were working on Dr. J. W. Sampsell's saw mill along Penn's Creek beyond Centreville when the accident occurred on last Wednesday afternoon, September 28th. The particulars of the accident we prefer to give in Dr. Sampsell's own language as follows: "Henry was bearing off at the saw and they had just finished one bill of lumber and had made arrangements to start on another bill. When Henry put the last lumber off of the carriage upon a truck to run out into the lumber yard, my brother, Charles, the Sawyer, reversed the carriage to run it back to put a log upon it. Henry jumped upon the carriage while it was in motion, took hold of the lever and reversed the head blocks. After having reversed the blocks, while the carriage was in motion, dropped the lever, walked back on the carriage and stepped off of the carriage while in motion, and likely stepped off of the carriage upon the saw bed and being nearer the saw than he anticipated, the saw caught his left foot and pulled him upon the saw which threw him forward against the sawyer, who was my brother, Charlie, knocking him to a side. Both legs and both arms were sawed off. The right arm and leg were completely severed from the body and the left limbs were almost off. There were no evidences of internal injury, but the shock knocked him unconscious and the severing of all the large arteries caused death in 15 or 20 minutes. He made no outcry of any kind, but moaned once or twice, and evidently did not know what struck him. It was all so quick. Emanuel Haackenburgh, the engineer, saw the accident. Charles was looking in the opposite direction, as it was his duty to do so, while reversing the carriage."

HIS LIFE.

Henry Clay Sampsell was born in Centreville, Snyder (then Union) County, Pa., May 27, 1852, was educated in the public schools of his native village, attended also Freeburg academy and Missionary Institute at Selingsgrove. After leaving school at Selingsgrove, he taught school for several years in Centre and Adams townships, Snyder County, and in Limestone township, Union County, Pa. His last service as a teacher was in the Grammar School in Centreville. He then secured employment as a clerk in Captain Jacob Hartman's store and won the admiration of the community as well as the love of his employer. In a short while Henry undertook to go into business for himself and the firm of Sampsell & Stroup was cemented into partnership and they bought out Captain Hartman's store. The firm was later changed to Sampsell & Napp and later Judge Sampsell sold out his interest to Mr. Napp and then clerked for Mr. Napp. This continued until about three weeks ago, when Mr. Napp sold the store to Mr. Stroup. Mr. Sampsell was out of employment and as he was averse to loafing, he was willing to work anything he could get to do. Hence he found his way to the saw mill where he met his untimely death last Wednesday. He was always jolly and made many friends who in turn helped to give him position. He was twice elected Chairman of the Republican Standing Committee, first in 1894 and second in 1896. On February 13th, 1897 he was nominated for Associate Judge on the Republican ticket, having received 951 votes or a plurality of 380 votes, with four aspirants for the position. On Nov. 3rd, 1897, he received 1736 votes, or a clear majority of almost 1000 votes, which, of course, elected him. He has had the privilege of sitting only at two courts since his election, viz: February and June of this year.

PARENTAGE AND RELATIONS.

Judge Sampsell is the son of George Sampsell, born March 10, 1815, and died in 1896, and his wife, Kate Katherman of Laurelton, Pa. George and Kate Sampsell had the following named children: Joseph, William and Jacob residing at Three Rivers, St. Joe Co., Michigan; Angeline, married to Michael Denius, residing at Mifflinburg, Pa.; Jane, residing in Centreville; Samuel P., residing near Salem, in Penn township, this county; John, single, residing at Bellevue, Ohio; George Lincoln, residing north of Centreville, on the old homestead; Dr. David M., residing at Winfield, Union Co., Pa.; and the deceased, Henry Clay, who was married June 20, 1878, to Adelaide Nevins,

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daughter of Dr. Nevins of Montoursville, Pa., and to them have been born two daughters, Eliza Gertrude, born April 20, 1879, married Feb. 25, 1896, to James B. Kuhns, a sawyer of Penn's Creek, and Carrie who was born Nov. 21, 1886, and resides at home.

The ancestry of Judge Sampsell and his father, George, is distinguished for hardihood. The first ancestor of whom we have any account was the judge's great-great-grand father, Nicholas Sampsell, a man of more than ordinary education, who came from England at an early age. His son, Henry Sampsell, the great-grandfather of the deceased, resided for a time at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., but moved to Ohio the year after that state was admitted. He settled near New Lisbon, then a pioneer section where Indians and wild beasts were plenty. His descendants are now scattered over the state. He was twice married, and by his first wife had seven children—four sons, Paul, Henry, Joseph and George, and three daughters, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Brieker and Mrs. Frederick, all of whom raised families. His second wife had several children, among whom were some successful physicians of their time. George Sampsell, our subject's grandfather, was born Nov. 30, 1790 in Mifflinburg, and accompanied his parents to Ohio where he remained until he was 21 years of age. He then returned to Pennsylvania, making the journey on horseback, and early in 1812, was married in Union County to his first wife, Miss Sarah Kuhns. She was born Sept. 21, 1791, near Philadelphia, but her parents, Peter and Rebecca (Neese), Kuhns, removed to Lewisburg, when she was but a child, and later settled near Centreville, where her father conducted a mill. He died at the age of 94 years and his wife attained the advanced age of 103 years. Their son, John, lived to the age of 94 and the family has always been noted for longevity, as Nicholas Kuhns, the father of Peter, lived to his 96th year. After his marriage, George Sampsell located near Centreville, on a tract of land owned by his father-in-law, where he followed milling until 1818, when he returned to Columbiana County, O. Later he came back to Centre township, on account of the failing health of his father-in-law, who at his death left a large estate to be divided among three children—John, Sally (Mrs. Sampsell) and Polly. There were two saw mills and a grist mill on Penn's Creek and a grist mill west of Centreville included in this property. Mr. Sampsell continued to reside in Snyder County until his death at the age of 76 years. When John Kuhns removed to Venango County, Pa., he bought his mill property, consolidated it with the mill that he had been previously operating. He accumulated a large fortune for that day, and at one time owned about one thousand acres of land. Politically he was a whig and later a republican, and while not a republican, he held various offices in the township. His information on general subjects was extensive, as, although his early educational opportunities were limited, he was always fond of reading. His wife passed away Sept. 6, 1855, and his second wife was Miss Barbara Yerger. By the first marriage there were eight children—Joseph, born Oct. 20, 1812, was a cabinetmaker by occupation, and died near Hartleton, Pa.; George, the father of the deceased, described above; Polly, born March 15, 1817, married John Snyder, and died in Middleburgh, Pa.; Hopnia, who was born Oct. 3, 1819, married in 1848 to Miss Anna Shinkel, and he still resides at Centreville, a well-preserved man; Sarah, born May 8, 1822, married John Lenhart and died at Shamokin Dam; Susanna, born Oct. 26, 1824, married Daniel Bogar, now deceased and resides in Shamokin; Ner Jackson, born Aug. 26, 1829, died at Bellevue, Ohio, and buried at Centreville; Napoleon, born July 9, 1834, resides in Union County. By the second union, there were four children—Oliver, born July 7, 1818, died in this county between 1820 and 1830; Caroline, born June 1, 1861, married a Mr. Diehl and died in Dakota; John E., born Nov. 8, 1863, resides in Hartley township, Union County; and Catherine E., born Jan. 8, 1867, is now Mrs. Amos Musser, residing in Centre township, this county. Hence, the direct line of descent of Judge Sampsell is—HENRY CLAY⁵ (George⁴, George³, Henry², Nicholas¹), Sampsell, the deceased being of the fifth generation in this county, his father, George, of the fourth, his grand-father, George, of the third and so on.

THE FUNERAL.

The deceased was buried on Sunday morning at Centreville from his late home. It was the largest funeral that ever took place in Centreville and by some is pronounced the largest ever held in Snyder County. The day was not very fair, in fact it threatened rain all morning, but

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